

SAVE the RIO HONDO

WATER, WILDLIFE, & WILDERNESS

Comment **NOW** (by May 6) on Taos Ski Valley Inc's MASSIVE EXPANSION

Submit comments to: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=61390>

Note. The website address is CASE SENSITIVE!

Dear James Duran, Carson National Forest Supervisor,

Please accept these Public Comments as part of your Scoping Process considering Taos Ski Valley Inc.'s Proposed Gondola & Other Improvements.

I support:

- A full **Environmental Impact Study** of impacts on the Rio Hondo water quality & quantity, and impacts to forest health and wildlife.
- Full **disclosure of TSV water rights** and proof that there is enough water currently available to support the expansion without further tapping of springs, groundwater, and streams.
- Full **disclosure of any TSV inc. water right permit violations** including any exceedances of water rights used for snow-making, etc.
- A **functioning Water Treatment Plant** that can handle peak tourism.

I oppose:

- **5,000,000 gallon water tank** near Lift #2.
- **High-Speed Gondola** along the Lake Fork of the Rio Hondo that will cause unnecessary destruction & disturbance to the stream and corridor. Ski lifts & Twining Road already connect the base area to the Kachina basin.
- **Nordic/snow-shoe trail system** on forested mountainside above Rio Hondo. This would require forest-thinning and grading that would cause erosion and disturb wildlife. This trail system should be relocated where development has already occurred and forest disturbance is not required.
- **More commercial construction** such as hotels that increase water demand on the Rio Hondo and its springs, groundwater, and tributaries.

Show a River Some Love!

- For more info, an expanded comment letter, and photos of the 1980s Funeral for the Rio Hondo, visit

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